Dr. A. R. Menon: Sir, will it be an act of discourtesy to send a reminder?

Mr. President: We will do that.

SMALL-POX CASES 1111, 1112 AND 1113.

48. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar : Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total number of attacks and deaths of small-pox in the years 1111, 1112 and 1113 ;

(*b*) the number of deaths of persons who were vaccinated ;

(*c*) and the number of deaths of those who were not vaccinated each year ?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon :

		1111.	1112.	1113.
(*a*)	Attacks	700	797	281
	Deaths	87	142	78

(*b*) and (*c*) Separate statistics are not maintained of the number of deaths of persons who were vaccinated and who were not vaccinated.

Mr. M. K. Devassy: (*b*) and (*c*) Will the Government be pleased to do it hereafter ?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: We have already taken steps in that direction.

Mr. V. J. Mathai: On a point of information I ask, sir, if a question stands in the name of one member and if that member is not present, can another member put that question?

Mr. President: In this case, that member has authorised Mr. Devassy to put these questions. If an hon'ble member is absent, he can authorise in writing some other member to ask questions standing in his name.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon: Is it not brought to the notice of the Government that it is generally in cases not vaccinated that deaths by small-pox occur?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: That is generally the case. In the case of protected persons deaths are very few.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon: Is it brought to the notice of the Government that vaccination is not satisfactorily carried on in the Mukundapuram Taluk?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: We were carrying on the vaccination and we were doing our very best.

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